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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the importation of fossil fuels from the Russian Federation,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCKINLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Federation, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Regaining Energy  
5 Freedom and Undeniable Security and Preserving U.S.  
6 Trade Interests Now Act” or the “REFUSE PUTIN  
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that exports of  
3 liquified natural gas from the United States to Europe  
4 have a lifecycle emissions profile that is 41 percent lower  
5 than natural gas that is exported from the Russian Fed-  
6 eration to Europe.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
8 gress that—

9 (1) any prohibition on the importation of fossil  
10 fuels, including crude oil, petroleum, petroleum prod-  
11 ucts, liquefied natural gas, and coal, from the Rus-  
12 sian Federation must be offset by an increase in the  
13 production of those fossil fuels in the United States;

14 (2) United States allies in Europe should take  
15 similar steps to prohibit the importation of Russian  
16 fossil fuels so that the Russian Federation cannot  
17 benefit from production of those fossil fuels; and

18 (3) energy independence is critical to national  
19 security and should include the production, use, and  
20 export of all available energy sources, including coal,  
21 natural gas, oil, nuclear, and renewables, as well as  
22 strategic minerals critical to electric vehicles and  
23 other clean energy sources.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF FOSSIL**  
2 **FUELS, INCLUDING CRUDE OIL, PETROLEUM,**  
3 **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, LIQUEFIED NAT-**  
4 **URAL GAS, AND COAL, FROM THE RUSSIAN**  
5 **FEDERATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
7 sion of law, effective beginning on the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the President shall prohibit the importa-  
9 tion of any fossil fuels, including crude oil, petroleum, pe-  
10 troleum products, liquefied natural gas, and coal, from the  
11 Russian Federation.

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection  
13 (a) shall not apply with respect to fossil fuels, including  
14 crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, liquefied natural  
15 gas, and coal, that are loaded for transit or in transit to  
16 the United States on the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act.

18 (c) REQUIREMENTS OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON  
19 THE EXPORT OF CRUDE OIL.—During any time in which  
20 the prohibition under subsection (a) is in effect, the Presi-  
21 dent may not use the authority under section 101(d) of  
22 division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016  
23 (42 U.S.C. 6212a(d)) to impose a ban on the export of  
24 crude oil from the United States.

1 **SEC. 4. EXECUTIVE AND AGENCY ACTION.**

2 On the date of enactment of this Act, the President  
3 shall—

4 (1) rescind the following executive and secre-  
5 tarial orders:

6 (A) Executive Order 14008 (86 Fed. Reg.  
7 7619; relating to tackling the climate crisis at  
8 home and abroad);

9 (B) Executive Order 13990 (86 Fed. Reg.  
10 7037; relating to protecting public health and  
11 the environment and restoring science to tackle  
12 the climate crisis); and

13 (C) Secretarial Order 3395 (relating to  
14 temporary suspension of delegated authority);  
15 and

16 (2) direct each Federal agency (including the  
17 Council on Environmental Quality) to, not later than  
18 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act—

19 (A) identify and repeal any regulation pro-  
20 mulgated by the Federal agency that has the  
21 intent or effect of substantially reducing the en-  
22 ergy independence of the United States; and

23 (B) issue regulations and guidance to—

24 (i) reduce the regulatory burden for  
25 energy producers in the United States; and

1 (ii) increase the energy output by  
2 those producers.

3 **SEC. 5. INCREASING UNITED STATES PRODUCTION FOR AL-**  
4 **LIES.**

5 (a) APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF LIQUIFIED  
6 NATURAL GAS.—Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 717b) is amended—

8 (1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

9 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
10 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

11 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
12 section (c), and moving such subsection after sub-  
13 section (b), as so redesignated;

14 (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by  
15 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The  
16 Commission shall have the exclusive authority to ap-  
17 prove or deny an application for the siting, construc-  
18 tion, expansion, or operation of a facility to export  
19 natural gas from the United States to a foreign  
20 country or import natural gas from a foreign coun-  
21 try, including an LNG terminal. Except as specifi-  
22 cally provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is in-  
23 tended to affect otherwise applicable law related to  
24 any Federal agency’s authorities or responsibilities

1       related to facilities to import or export natural gas,  
2       including LNG terminals.”; and

3               (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4       section:

5       “(d)(1) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of  
6 the President under the Constitution, the International  
7 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et  
8 seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et  
9 seq.), part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conserva-  
10 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the  
11 Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), or any other provi-  
12 sion of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or  
13 foreign government (including any provision of law that  
14 prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging  
15 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),  
16 including a country that is designated as a state sponsor  
17 of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports of natural gas.

18       “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘state sponsor of ter-  
19 rorism’ means a country the government of which the Sec-  
20 retary of State determines has repeatedly provided sup-  
21 port for acts of international terrorism pursuant to—

22               “(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-  
23 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));

24               “(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance  
25 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

1           “(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act  
2           (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

3           “(D) any other provision of law.”.

4           (b) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.—Section 161  
5 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 6241) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 subsection:

8           “(k) PLAN.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except in the case of a se-  
10 vere energy supply interruption described in sub-  
11 section (d), the Secretary may not execute the first  
12 drawdown of petroleum products in the Reserve  
13 after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
14 whether through sale, exchange, or loan, until the  
15 Secretary has developed a plan to increase the per-  
16 centage of Federal lands (including submerged lands  
17 of the Outer Continental Shelf) under the jurisdic-  
18 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
19 Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Sec-  
20 retary of Defense leased for oil and gas production  
21 by the same percentage as the percentage of petro-  
22 leum in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that is to  
23 be drawn down in that first and subsequent  
24 drawdowns, subject to the limitation under para-  
25 graph (2).

1           “(2) LIMITATION.—The plan required by para-  
2       graph (1) shall not provide for a total increase in  
3       the percentage of Federal lands described in para-  
4       graph (1) leased for oil and gas production in excess  
5       of 10 percent.

6           “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall pre-  
7       pare the plan required by paragraph (1) in consulta-  
8       tion with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary  
9       of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense.”.

10       (c) KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.—

11           (1) AUTHORIZATION.—TransCanada Keystone  
12       Pipeline, L.P. may construct, connect, operate, and  
13       maintain the pipeline facilities at the international  
14       border of the United States and Canada at Phillips  
15       County, Montana, for the import of oil from Canada  
16       to the United States as described in the Presidential  
17       Permit of March 29, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 13101  
18       (April 3, 2019)).

19           (2) PRESIDENTIAL PERMITS.—No Presidential  
20       permit or any other Executive Order shall be re-  
21       quired for the construction, connection, operation, or  
22       maintenance of the pipeline facilities described in  
23       paragraph (1).